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LIMDIS, FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND WELLS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:UN PERSONNEL: UN SENIOR POST TCD

REF: (A) GENEVA 10171 (B) USUN 02781

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS THAT WALDHEIM INCLINED
CHOOSE UK NATIONAL FOR ASG POST IN TCD IS MOST DISTRESSING.
PLEASE CONTACT HIM AGAIN TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE U.S.
ATTACHES TO RETAINING THIS POST.

2. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS ARE:

--THE TCD POST IS THE LOGICAL SENIOR POST IN RESTRUCTURED
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UN ECONOMIC SPHERE TO BE HELD BY U.S., THE MAJOR
CONTRIBUTOR TO UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

--PRESENT ACTING INCUMBENT OF POST IS AMERICAN WHO
OCCUPIED POSITION, ALBEIT AT A LOWER GRADE, PRIOR TO
RESTRUCTURING. HE HEADED PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION AS
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. U.S. HAS

LOST DIRECTORSHIP OF CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING,
PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES AS RESULT OF RESTRUCTURING AND

CANNOT LOSE ANOTHER SUCH SENIOR POST, I.E., TCD POST.

WE HAVE NOMINATED FOUR OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES FOR TCD
POST, ANYONE OF WHOM CAN BE SELECTED ON MERIT. IN
PARTICULAR, WALDHEIM SHOULD NOTE THAT ONE OF THE
CANDIDATES IS A WOMAN, AND AS NOTED IN UNGA RESOLUTIONS,
WOMEN ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN IN SENIOR UN POSTS.

--WE FAIL TO SEE WHAT GREATER CLAIM THE UK OR ANY OTHER
NATION HAS ON POST. ALSO FAIL TO SEE ANY LOGIC TO
IMPLICATION THAT US SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH WFC POST.
TCD AND WFC ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTERS, GEOGRAPHICALLY
AND SUBSTANTIVELY SEPARATED, AND SERVING DIFFERENT
PURPOSES TO THE SAME DEGREE THAT WE FOUND THE PROSPECT
OF BEING FROZEN OUT OF THE FOOD AGENCIES HIERARCHY
UNACCEPTABLE, WE VIEW THE PROSPECT OF BEING FROZEN OUT OF
THE RESTRUCTURED FORMER ESA HIERARCHY UNACCEPTABLE.

--USG HAS NEVER AGREED TO ANY TRADE-OFF FOR TCD POST. IN
COOPERATION WITH USUN, DEPARTMENT RESEARCHED FILES WHICH
DISCLOSE THAT ON MAY 12, 1978 MISSION OFFICER CUNNINGHAM,
RECEIVED CALL FROM USYG DAVIDSON UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO
ASK WHETHER US WOULD BE WILLING TO TRADE THE TCD POST FOR
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APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD HOTTELET AS A USYG OR AN ASYG
SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE SYG ON PUBLIC INFORMATION.
DEPARTMENT UNDERSTOOD THAT AMBASSADOR WELLS DISCUSSED THIS
WITH RAFEEUDDIN AHMED, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SYG AND
CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE IDEA. DURING MAY 23
WALDHEIM/LEONARD MEETING, LATTER REITERATED US INTEREST
IN TCD POST. IN CONNECTION WITH HOTTELET APPOINTMENT
AMBASSADOR LEONARD SAID THAT WE HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR
HOTTELET, BUT CANNOT ENCOURAGE SYG TO USE ANY ASYG POSTS
MADE AVAILABLE BY RESTRUCTURING FOR PURPOSES THIS
APPOINTMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, USUN 02609 REPORTED THAT
DURING JUNE 21 CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, USYG
DAVIDSON STATED THAT WALDHEIM NOW HAS GIVEN UP RECENT
NOTION OF APPOINTING HOTTELET AT ASG LEVEL. PARA 2 OF
USUN 02609 STATES QUOTE DAVIDSON STATED WALDHEIM WAS
PARTICULARLY INFLUENCED BY AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S FIRM
STATEMENT IN MAY 23 MEETING (REFTEL-USUN 02124) THAT USG
QUOTE COULD NOT ENCOURAGE UNQUOTE WALDHEIM UTILIZE ANY OF
ASYG POSTS MADE AVAILABLE BY RESTRUCTURING TO ACCOMMODATE
HOTTELET APPOINTMENT UNQUOTE.

--BOTH LOGIC AND THE POLITICAL REALITY OF THE SITUATION
OUTLINED ABOVE STRONGLY SUPPORT APPOINTMENT OF AN
AMERICAN TO THE TCD POST.

3. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF DEMARCHE. VANCE

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